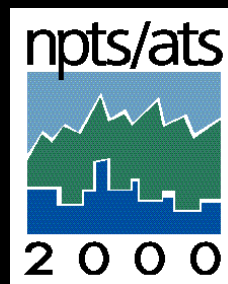
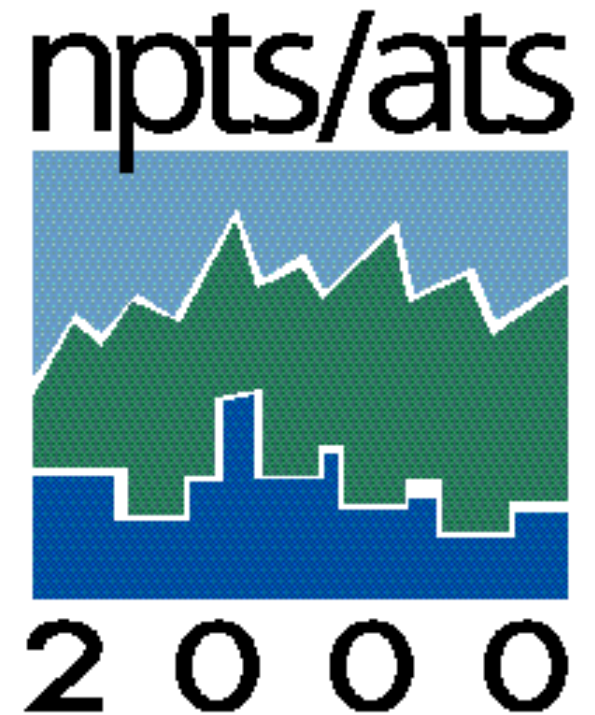


**Exploring
mobility,
access,
and
changing
travel patterns
of
U.S. households
in the
21st Century**



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Why the NPTS/ATS 2000?

In a ONEDOT effort, the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration and Bureau of Transportation Statistics are working in concert to design and implement a household travel survey that will reflect both local and long-distance travel in the United States.

Since 1969, the **Nationwide Personal Transportation Survey** has inventoried local U.S. passenger travel while, since 1957, the **American Travel Survey** has recorded long-distance passenger travel within our nation. As the only federal sources of data on the amount and nature of both local and long-distance personal travel in the United States, they not only depict present travel characteristics but illustrate how travel has changed over time.

This unique interagency effort to combine the **NPTS** and **ATS** in the year **2000** will reduce overall costs to tax payers and improve data quality, while filling the public's data needs.

The coordinated surveys design includes:

- Same-household estimates of both local and long-distance travel
- A common survey methodology
- Coordinated documentation and publication of datasets

Applications

The data are used by transportation planners, the tourism industry, and others concerned with the mobility of the American public and the human, economic, and environmental impacts of local and long-distance travel within the United States. The uses of the data may include:

- National-level planning and policymaking
- Interregional corridor planning
- Statewide planning
- Travel research
- Tourism studies
- Trend analyses

Key data will include

Household Characteristics

- Size
- Income level
- Auto ownership/availability
- Number of workers
- Number of drivers
- Number of young children
- Place of birth and years of U.S. residence

Primary Trip Characteristics

- Trip purpose
- Trip origin and destination
- Trip length
- Primary travel mode
- Travel party size
- Access/egress modes

NPTS/ATS Information

Full survey data collection is scheduled to run from October 2000 to October 2001.

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1995 NPTS and ATS products can be ordered via the BTS website at www.bts.gov or by calling 202-366-DATA.